Minutes of the Regular Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Members Present:	Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Alan Sturtz, Deborah Moore, Walter Mann, Stephen Gifford
Members Absent:	First Selectman Freda, Marc Olins
Also Present:	Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to First Selectman

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti asked for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 10, 2015. Ms. Moore moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Maher - Yes	Prasad – Yes
	Sturtz - Yes	Gifford - Yes	Mann - Yes
	Moore - Yes		

LESSONS LEARNED – OCTOBER BREAKFAST

Mr. LoPresti said that we had approximately 129 attendees. He suggested that for the spring breakfast we change venues. He said he would look into Fantasia.   Ms. Goodkin distributed the results of the questionnaire. The commission went over the results of the questionnaire. Mr. Maher thought that the program ran long, most of the slides were unreadable, and suggested getting a clip on microphone for the presenters. Further discussion followed with commission members making recommendations.

COMMISSION UPDATE

 Mr. Mann met with Mr. Freda and the Fair Association to discuss the parking lot dilemma. There is property to the south – about 70' of frontage that could be paved for additional parking. The owner of the property felt it would work. Mr. Mann will keep the Commission updated.

Mr. Mann said that he spoke to owners of the former mall site (Olshan property). They have decided not to sell the property. Mr. Mann suggested that we enter into a long term lease with them to use the property for soccer fields.

M. FREDA UPDATE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for December 17, 2015 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Mann moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE: LoPresti -Yes   Maher - Yes   Prasad – Yes
                   Sturtz - Yes   Gifford - Yes   Mann - Yes
                   Moore - Yes